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Genesis
1:26

Us,
Our,
and
Our

And God said,
Let us **make** **man**
in our image,
after our likeness:
and let **them**
have dominion
over the fish of
the sea, and
over the fowl of
the air, and over
the cattle, and
over all the
earth, and over
every creeping

**thing that
creepeth upon
the earth.**

Throughout the years, many have questioned, debated, and attempted to explain the meaning of the words, “us”, “us”, and “our” as it is written in this scriptural verse. I have my ideas about it too, but frankly, I can’t say emphatically there’s just one way to understand this.

So, I'm stating the following (based on the English translations I have at present): *God and either other parts of Himself or God and other individual entities* are referred to in this “us”, “our” and “our” verse.

I lean most heavily to it being God and

other parts of
Himself. If God,
along with other
individual entities,
were responsible
for the creation of
humankind, that
would imply God
alone did not create
humans. Of course,
that would be a clear
contradiction to
many biblical
passages. It would

also set us up to wonder who might be the other entities, where they are, and other concerns with “them”. So, I think it’s safe and reasonable to say the “us”, “our”, and “our” in this passage refers to the

unity and
complexity of
God alone who is
responsible for
the **creation** (no
evolution from
tadpoles or
monkeys) of
humankind.

Given authority
over other
creatures, humans
were created by

the “us”, “us”,
and “our”.

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